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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SIR:

In accordance with their duty of disclosure, applicants wish to make the following references of record. Please note that applicants have already filed a Information Disclosure

Statement on March 7, 2000 and wish to make these references of record. Therefore, applicants are filing a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and PTO FORM 1449 in regards to the new references cited.

References

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,490,811 to Peter N. YIANILOS et al. dated December 25, 1984, entitled "String Comparator Device System Circuit and Method"; and,
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,802,515 to Eytan ADAR et al., dated September 1, 1998, entitled "Randomized Query Generation and Document Relevance Ranking for Robust Information Retrieval From a Database".

REMARKS


In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached copy of the FORM PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. These references were cited in the corresponding International Application No. PCT/US99/24029. Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Applicants believe no fee is required for filing these papers. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any fee due, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500624.

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